Withdrawal by Financier Bank of Oman-India Gas Pipe-line Project

506. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the main financier of "Oman-India" sub-sea gas pipe-line project which was supposed to be "Stanly Morgan Bank", has withdrawn from this project;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what was the total cost of this project and what was the contribution of the said bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The Oman Oil Company (OOC) has indicated that the cost of the Oman-India pipeline project would be around USD 5 billion. OOC has not indicated the sources of finance for the project.

Violation of Urban Land Ceiling Act in Delhi

507. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Urban Land Ceiling Act is being violated in Delhi on a large scale.

(b) if so, the names of the industrial units which have violated the Act during the last two years; and

(c) the names of the industrial units to which Central Government have provided relaxation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) The subject basically comes under the purview of the State Government. As reported by Government of Delhi, no such violation has been reported to them so far.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Union Government does not provide relaxation as such.

Drinking Water supply to problem villages

508. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to ensure drinking water supply to problem villages in different States;

(b) if so, the details thereof upto the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan and the achievements made as on date; and

(c) the different kinds of drinking water supply projects under implementation in different States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Achievement in terms of coverage of problem villages and other villages upto the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan, 1990-91 to 1993-94 and in terms of coverage of 'not covered' and partially covered habitations upto 1995-96 are as follows:

Period	Achievements (No. of problem/ other villages/ habitations)
During VII Plan	2,51,431
From 1991-92 to 1993-94	1,12,348
1994-95	70,934
1995-96	93,229

(c) The following different kinds of drinking water supply projects are under implementation in different States:

1. Handpumps schemes.
2. Piped Water Supply Schemes.
3. Gravity flow schemes in hilly areas.
4. Sanitary dug wells.

5. Water harvesting structure.
6. Spring tapped chambers, infiltration gallaries etc.
7. Treatment plants like defluoridation plants, iron removal plants, desalination plants.
8. Solar photo voltaic pumping systems.

Janata Houses under Indira Awas Yojana in Punjab

509. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount allocated for construction of Janata Houses for the poor and weaker sections of society in Punjab during 1996-97 under the Indira Awas Yojana; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government for construction of more Janata Houses for the poor people of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) During 1996-97, a sum of Rs. 695.30 lakhs (inclusive of 20% State share) has been allocated for construction of houses under Indira Awas Yojana to the State of Punjab.

(b) To mitigate the housing shortage, the Union Government has drawn up an Action Plan to provide houses to all homeless rural poor by the year 2000 A.D.

Loans under Self Employment Schemes in Karnataka

510. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any loans have been provided under self-employment schemes to the urban poor in Karnataka, during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the money provided; and

(c) the measures Government propose to take to provide such assistance to more such persons and make the procedure of getting loans easy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) The State Government of Karnataka has reported that an amount of Rs. 2238.16 lakhs has been provided to 48145 beneficiaries under Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME) of Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY). The Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMI UPEP) has been launched in November, 1995 only, and is largely in a preparatory stage involving conduct of surveys, preparation of project reports, etc.

(c) The progress of Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME) is reviewed from time to time in consultation with the State Government and Reserve Bank of India. The Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) are urged to recommend more and more applications to the Banks.

हिमाचल प्रदेश के शहरी क्षेत्रों में पयेजल एवं मल-निकासी सुविधाओं हेतु अनुदान

511. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत वर्ष हिमाचल प्रदेश के किन-किन शहरी क्षेत्रों में पेयजल और मलनिकासी सुविधा प्रदान करने हेतु केन्द्रीय सरकार से अनुदान प्रदान करने के लिए अनुरोध किया गया था;

(ख) इस प्रयोजनार्थ किस-किस योजना के लिए कितनी-कितनी धनराशि प्रदान की गई और खर्च की गई धनराशियों का शहर-वार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इस वर्ष किस-किस योजना के लिए अनुदान देने पर विचार किया जा रहा है?

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